

REMARKS

Claims 28-46 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-27 have been cancelled, without prejudice; new claims 28-46 have been added. The basis for the foregoing amendments may be found throughout the written description, drawings and claims as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daniel (U.S. Pat. No. 5,297,538). Claims 6 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daniel (U.S. Pat. No. 5,529,571). Claims 6 and 22-27 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed as moot in view of the foregoing amendments. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the foregoing rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS 28-46

New claims 28-46 have been added. Claims 28, 37 and 42 are independent claims, and claims 29-36, 38-41 and 43-46 depend respectively therefrom. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28-46 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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